

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/511,294	LENHART, KLAUS	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	ERNESTO GARCIA	3679	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) ERNESTO GARCIA. (3) _____.

(2) Alan Kasper. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 27 March 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 8 and 15-17.

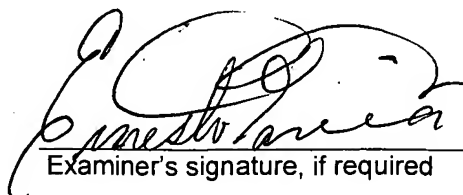
Identification of prior art discussed: Lindemann et al., 6,027,087.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.



Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph rejections were discussed. A proposed amendment was shown to the examiner. The examiner review claim 8 as to how "the narrow limits" were defined. The examiner suggested that the language still needed clarification. It was discussed that this limitation be replaced such that the interior element is axially moveable between the limit stops. Mr. Kasper presented the argument that the reference did not show the adjusting screw in a "rotationally fixed manner" on the end of the inner tube. The examiner explained the interpretation of the term rotationally fixed since it allowed for rotation. The examiner suggested the language be amended so that the screw is fixed in a non-rotatably manner since Lindemann et al. allows for rotation of the screw at the end of the tube. The examiner concluded that a further search would be required and the references of record would be reviewed to see whether any of the references taught a "non-rotatably fixed" screw at the end of the tube.

311-272-1085

PTOL-413A (10-07)

Approved for use through 03/31/2008. OMB 0851-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/511,294 First Named Applicant: LENIHART
 Examiner: GARCIA Art Unit: 3679 Status of Application: PENDING

Tentative Participants:

(1) ALAN KASPER (2) _____
 (3) REG 25426 (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: MARCH 27 2008 Proposed Time: 1:00 (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES

☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>REJ</u>	<u>8/17</u>	<u>DOUBLE PAT</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>REJ</u>	<u>8-12 15-18</u>	<u>112</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) <u>REJ</u>	<u>8-10 + 17</u>	<u>LINDEMANN SEIFERT</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) <u>REJ</u>	<u>15-16</u>	<u>KURSKI</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation Sheet Attached					

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented: PRIOR ART DOES NOT TEACH

① ADJUSTING SCREW ROTATIONALLY FIXED AT TIP END

② INTERIOR ELEMENT AXIALLY MOVABLE ON ROTATION AND

③ RADIALY SPREADABLE ELEMENT WITH AXIAL LENGTH BETWEEN STEPS

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on 3/27/08

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

[Signature]
Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

[Signature]
Examiner/SPE Signature

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

Registration Number, if applicable

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.133. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 21 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.